

people need...that have just come in don't understand the issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the Chair be overruled and it takes 24 votes. If you wish to overrule the Chair vote aye. If you wish not to overrule the Chair vote nay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 1329 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion lost. Do you have anything else before we go on? Okay, now we can proceed on with the discussion of reviving the bill. Senator DeCamp. I had a few lights on, but...those who wish to speak about this, please turn your light on. Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, two years and five months ago the people of Nebraska voted in favor of Initiative 300 and Initiative 300 of course is a proposal that was offered as a way to preserve the family farm. We're here today in this forum, this legislative forum, to decide whether this Legislature should consider Initiative 300 further in any way.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR DECAMP: There are those who would say that this Legislature has no right, no entitlement to consider Initiative 300 further in any way because, "The people have spoken and it is now out of the legislative hands presumably forever." My purpose in offering this today is not to debate the merits of Initiative 300, but rather to affirm that we as legislators in this legislative forum have the right to consider Initiative 300 further on its merits at some point in time. And LR 16 is merely the vehicle for that further consideration at some point in time in the future by this Legislature. I think a failure on the single biggest item ever to go into the Nebraska Constitution, a failure of this body to even be willing for the first time in three years to even look at it and consider it on its merits detracts from us as a legislative forum. The people who conceived this system of government that has been in existence for a little over 200 years here conceived it as a representative government with certain rights and